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MBA Hi-Y'ers Attend Convention

On the week-end of December 5-7, fifteen members of the MBA Hi-Y Club, led by President Barney Regen, abandoned the home town to put in an appearance at the annual West Tennessee Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y (the girl's club) Convention held this year at Memphis.

The boys gathered at noon Friday down town at the Nashville "Y" to get aboard the chartered bus which left on schedule at 12:30.

About seven o'clock the bus loaded with a crew of excited boys, pulled into Memphis. Immediately after getting off the bus and washing up the hungry group hurried to the opening banquet at the Y.M.C.A. Dr. Underwood of the First Methodist Church, who gave an inspiring religious talk, was the chief speaker at this banquet.

After the banquet the boys got their first taste of Memphis, a fairly big taste, since most of them did not "hit the sack" till the "wee" hours were no longer so "wee". Lodging was provided in Memphis homes or at the "Y", where most of MBA representatives stayed.

Saturday morning everyone, or, at least, some, were up at eight o'clock to have breakfast and be at the "work shop" session, which lasted from nine 'til twelve. At this session the members learned various ways of improving their local clubs.

The afternoon was left free, so

that the boys might take a tour of Memphis. Some of our boys took the tour while many went to the movie or indulged in other indoor sports.

Saturday night there was another banquet at which Captain Carson of the local naval base made an impressive address on "Being Proud You Are an American". After the banquet came the high point of the convention for many, a dance which got under way at nine o'clock and broke up about midnight. That dance finally convinced some of our patriotic home town boys that a girl can come from somewhere other than Nashville and still be good looking. In case you are wondering, this was the night that Ridley had his little experience.

Up early again Sunday morning the Hi-Y'ers had time for another session before time for church. At this session Bobby Lineberger was elected president of the convention for next year. After this meeting everyone attended the First Methodist Church to hear Dr. Underwood again.

After a hardy dinner it was time to leave so that the bus might reload and pull out at one o'clock.

At seven o'clock Sunday night Nashville saw the boys return from a great convention and an exciting experience.

The Book Shelf

One of the newest and most popular type of books, with teenagers, is science fiction. The library has secured a number of these and some of the more interesting ones are listed:

Find the Feathered Serpent—by Evan Hunter

Combining thrilling aspects of the future with the most fascinating civilization of the past, **Find the Feathered Serpent** is an adventure into the realm of time. In search of a god, two alert explorers traverse centuries—back to the glittering Mayan civilization of ancient Mexico—to find Vikings in the south!

Marooned on Mars—by Lester del Ray

An eighteen-year-old stowaway on the first Moon-to-Mars expedition solves a diabolically sinister aspect of life on the desolate "red planet". Chilling suspense,

icy fear, a life and death chase through Martian catacombs lead to a climax as surprising as it is thrilling!

Between Planets—by Robert A. Heinlein

How does it feel to be living far in the future-to-be a citizen of an Interplanetary Federation? Robert Heinlein shows us, and shows us, too, what might happen under such an organization, if it should disregard the rights of the individual. It is Venus that rebels and starts a revolution.

Don, the nineteen-year-old hero of the story, is a citizen of the Federation but not of any planet. His mother was born on Venus, father on Earth, and Don himself was born on a space ship in trajectory between planets. This curious citizenship makes difficulties for him when the rebellion starts on Venus.

Dr. Sager Re-Elected

At the annual meeting in Memphis, December 1, Dr. Sager was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Association of Independent Schools. This organization is composed of private and parochial schools of the eleven Southern states and has a membership of one hundred thirty-eight schools.

Maroons Welcome Grammar School Basketball

Montgomery Bell Academy wishes to take this means of welcoming to our campus the grammar schools which are playing their girls' and boys' basketball games in our gym. The supporters of these teams have certainly formed some admirable cheering sections and the cheer leaders are doing a fine job. We are glad that we were able to offer the group our facilities after the Hillsboro fire had destroyed their regular meeting place.

Freedom Talks At Neighboring Schools

MBA is very proud to have a Junior Chamber of Commerce among its students. This organization, sponsored by Mrs. Campbell, is composed of John Sloan, Rob Lightfoot, Duncan Callicott, Jimmy Dale and last but not least John Hardcastle. These boys are going to tour all the public schools and are speaking on Freedom Forum. Their first visit was to West End High School. We are sure that these blushing boys will enjoy their trip to the happy grounds of the feminine world, Harpeth Hall. These capable boys are doing a fine job and are creating the interest they're striving for.

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Sophomore News

Here are a few of the nicknames of the sophomore class:

Reptile	Hopalong
Hook	Canyon Kid
Nubbins	Moocher
Baritone	King Kong
Mono	Wiper
Cobra	Doc
Puffer	Cole Cream
Bonzo	Fat Man
Lilly	Jigaboo
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river to New Orleans with load of coal. . . . Merritt Lane broken-hearted as teacher expresses disappointment in his class-room behavior and general attitude. Lane tearfully comments, "Care." . . . Student body strangely solemn as epidemic of frown breaks out. Unfortunate victims may be seen sprawling on the floor or sitting head down on their desks almost any period during the day. . . . Bright moves UP to the Kappas! . . . At lunch period a glee club is being organized by Roberts, Thomas, and Smith in English room. All fellows interested in some good singing fun see "The Duets Plus One." . . . Thorpe takes down reserved parking sign on local lane. He explains, "It wasn't doing any good anyway, Williams has been nosing in too much." . . . New members of the cradle roll are Lynch Bennett and Martin Roberts. Congratulations to you lucky boys!? . . . Jacobs complains that his Spanish papers are beginning to be graded regular pencil again. ". . . Seniors greatly enjoy party at Lynch Bennett's house, but Thomas complains, "It was such a long way home afterwards."

Junior News

The Junior Class is well represented on this year's varsity basketball team with 8 juniors on the squad. They are Carlin Rolfe, Johnny Craig, Jimmy Martin, Bert Chalfant, Bobby Hollabaugh, Billy Pfeiffer, Dick Anderson, Jim Harrell, and on the J.V., Turner Williams. Even though outscored by Dale and Thorpe, Rolfe and Chalfant have been very valuable to the team with their rebounding and timely shots. During English class in a discussion about immigrants, Martin had to explain to Richardson that he did not come from the Belgian Congo. Bruno Pagent has last been seen in his latest picture "The Man with the Hoe" Going to the Hi-Y Convention this week Ridley (The Continental). Ruth really thrilled the Memphis girls. Congratulations must be given to Bobby Lineberger on being elected president of the WESTERN DIVISION of the Hi-Y. Who is this little girl Bill Bainbridge has been running around with? Could it be Jennine Rose? Dr. Sager takes over 3rd period study hall. The library suddenly becomes very popular.

Senior News

Thorpe, Bennett, and Temple feel wrath of the offensive-defensive team, a local terrorist group. They report injured wrists. . . . Members of Hi-Y Club report wonderful meetings and speeches at convention in Memphis. Everyone agreed that it was a very educational trip! Regen returns home bare-footed as shoes, mistaken for barges, are sent down

Bottom of the Afternoon



By Blue La Rue

Students return with all their Christmas presents. . . . Some boys enjoy New Year's "spirit" return two days later. . . . Some young prankster sends Dr. Sager a comb and brush set for Christmas. . . . Williams, J. has accident in a man's yard, but secures "connections" with an insurance company. . . . Coleman seen purchasing hair- tonic at service station. . . . L.S.M.F.T. Townes seen behind gym. . . . Ruth to write congressman on Memphis situation. . . . McDougall to vie with Wrenne in holiday event. . . . Steve Wood planning career as Belle Meade cop. . . . Firecracker habit nearly fatal to Scales and Wood at West High basketball game. . . . Girls find Ridley Ruth irresistible at Memphis dance. . . . Next time be sure its "Sanforized", Hardcastle. . . . Mrs. Bitzer keeps reserved seat for Anderson in last period study hall. . . . Roberts takes over third period study hall. Exclaims: "Aw, come on and gimme a break."

CLASS NEWS

Grade School News

The M.B.A. Microbe Basketball Team opened their season against Stokes School. The Microbes played a good game but the final score was 32 to 21. Clay Huddleston and Laird Smith were the highest scorers with six points each.

At our gym period we are playing basketball. These games have been tight, the score in one game was 54 to 12. Tom husband, the bull-dozer, is the rebound king.

The boys on the privilege list in the eighth grade are George Sloan, Wade Elam, Carl Hoffer, Josh Taylor and Emmett Dozier; in the seventh grade Robert White, David Waller and Tony Edmonds.

The schools have been playing their basketball games in our gym. The girls play a game the last period, now we know where the boys are that period.

Ben McDermott, the salesman, sold or gave away pencils to about everybody in the grade school.

Freshmen News

"Safari" Pyle and "Bobo" Pfeiffer battle it out deep in the jungle. Winner will meet "Nature Boy" Woolwine in a grudge bout next week. Everyone received a great shock in lab a few days ago. "Tubby" Wrenne wins knife throwing contest. The J. V. has been doing well this year. A few of the stars are Henry Hurt, Whit Watson, and Mack Rolfe. "Fingers" Provine muffs Christmas tune on piano. "Dude" Kimbrough, "E.G." Smith, and "Sweet-pea" Brown having joyous time in the new English class. Third period study hall changes teachers. "Dribbles" Lawson and Travis starring in lunchtime basketball brawl. That's all the news for now. See you next issue.

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M.B.A. WINS OVER T.I.S. 45-42

MBA eked out its first win of the season in an overtime thriller against T.I.S. The win started the quintet to a successful season. It was the first MBA basketball team to win the first game in three years. The big gun was 5' 10" Jim Dale who poured in 20 points. Under the boards doing a fine job of rebounding were Cap. Rolfe, Bert Chalfant, and "J" Thorpe. Another bright spot was the slick ball handling of Palmer Temple. Cap. Rolfe missed a free throw and big 6' 5" Bert Chalfant got way up to tip it in which made an overtime. In the thrilling overtime Palmer Temple hit a one hander and Jim Dale hit a free throw to pull the win out of the bag. Alan Goar and Jim Martin were the only reserves to see action. Pressing for the contest were as follows: Bob Hollabaugh, Bob Calton, John Craig, Dick Anderson, Alan Goar, Jim Martin, Bo Jones and the starting 5, Dale, Temple, Thorpe, Chalfant and Rolfe.

MAROONS TRIP HUME-FOGG

The Big Red of M.B.A. out-scored Hume-Fogg at the "Blue Devils" gym 47-44. This was a mild upset as the Maroons were rated a slight underdog and also had to play in Tech's "cracker-box" gymnasium.

At the first of the game it looked tough as Hume-Fogg out to a 4-0 advantage but the Maroons came back to lead 27-20 at the halfway mark.

As the game progressed Tech tightened the score. Even after this the Maroons staved off the attack to win 47-44.

"J" Thorpe was the individual star with 19 points to his credit. Jimmy Dale also contributed 9 points to the effort. The Big Red scoring as follows:

Rolfe	3
Chalfant	7
Dale	9
Temple	7
Thorpe	19
Goar	1
Calton	1
Total	47

Maroon Highlights

Well, the basketball season is here and the "Big Red" has a current 2 wins no loss record. The victories being 45-42 over Tennessee Industrial School and 47-44 over Hume-Fogg Tech.

The Red team boasts a fine guard in Jimmy Dale who made the all-city checklist with a 20 point performance against T.I.S. Also John Thorpe burned the nets for 19 points in the Tech game as the star. With scoring like the team could post one of the better marks in the N.L.L.

A few non varsity boys are out for the local Hi-Y Club basketball team and should have a fine time. They practice on Wednesday nights.

Does anybody remember back when the M.B.A. tennis courts had rubico on them?

The Maroon athletic teams should be some of the best dressed in town as the football team is getting new jackets and the tennis team is going to have new sweaters.

As a parting thought: Don't let your basketball team down. See every game you can! You might miss a good ball game.

WEST TIPS M.B.A.

The Big Red basketball team dropped its first game of the season to a highly touted West club at the Blue Jay's gymnasium. The final score was 54-51 being nip and tuck throughout the game. The first quarter was very close as West led 11-10 at the end of that period. Midway of the second quarter the Maroons were ahead by 6 points but West pulled a small rally to lead by 2 at half-time. The third period was the one that spelled doom. The Big Red was outscored by 10 points in the third quarter by a fighting West club. As the fourth and final quarter rolled around the Maroons were behind by 12 points but slowly the spirited Maroon club came fighting back; until with about a minute and a half left the West lead was cut to 3 points. At this point the whole gymnasium was a madhouse. West then hit another to gain a five point lead. On a long pass from Jimmy Dale to Carlin Rolfe, Rolfe hit a crisp to cut the lead again. But Lady Luck was not with the Red team as time ran out and West won 54-51. After a very bad third quarter the Maroons almost came back but were denied victory. For the Maroons the leading scorers were Rolfe with 13, Thorpe with 13, and Dale with 11. It marked the first setback in five games for the Maroons.

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Personalities of the Month

This is the third in a series of character sketches on the most outstanding seniors at M.B.A.



Charlie Brooks

An all-around boy, yes, Charlie Brooks. Charlie has been a student in good standing for six years.

He has led the school in the athletic field. From the very start he has been outstanding in sports. Charlie played football and basketball in the seventh grade and because of his size and ability he played on the B teams his eighth grade year. Right from his freshman year through his senior year Charlie played varsity football which is a real credit and a compliment. This season he was captain of the team.

Charlie played varsity basketball his sophomore year and varsity baseball in his junior year. He is obviously a member of the Monogram Club from the start and has really earned his merit there.

He now serves as president of the Delta Sigma Fraternity. As I said before—An all around boy. Hates—English Likes—Physics



Bo Jones

"Bo" Jones came to M.B.A. in 1949 as a freshman. Before this he attended Woodmont Grammar School where he was good in sports and in his classwork. In his Freshman year he became a Kappa Phi pledge to which he has been a constant credit.

At M.B.A. Bo had been on the B team basketball for two years, then to play varsity ball his senior year. He also played varsity football his sophomore year.

Bo seems to favor Physics above all subjects and he puts English at rock bottom.

He is a member of the Honor Council which he serves as secretary. Bo also holds membership in the Monogram Club.

Next year Bo hopes to enter Vanderbilt where we know he will be successful in any field.

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M. B. A. Enrollment On The Increase

It looks as if we will have a full school next year and a waiting list also. We will only have a limited number of places available. We now have 11 signed up in the 7th grade which leaves 9 places open; we have eight vacancies in the 8th grade and have 21 signed up in the 9th grade which leaves approximately 19 places in the freshman class. Let's throw out the "WELCOME" mat to the following boys when they enter M.B.A. next fall:

From Farmer: **Grade**
Warner Bass, 120 Hillwood Dr. .7
Jno. Brothers, Lynwood Blvd. .9
Lucius Burch, Tyne Rd. .7
Evans Clements, Chickering Lane .7
Runcie Clements, Clarendon Ave. .9
Harold Dunsford, Westview Ave. .7

Billy Hunter, Canterbury Dr. .9
Russ Hooper, Ellendale Dr. .9
Jack Hooper, Ellendale Dr. .7
Hardee Kilgore, Cheek Rd. .9
Brad Reed, Warner Pl. .9
Jimmy Thurman, 206 Wilsonia Dr. .9
Douglas Tune, Nichol Lane .7
Jody Wallace, Lynwood Blvd. .9
Ransom White, 402 Hillwood Dr. 9
Jimmy Food, So. Bellevue Dr. .9

From Woodmont:
John Ball, 3615 Hampton Ave. .7
Allen Bryan, 3507 Rutland Pl. .9
Chas. Herbert, 611 Lynbrook Rd. .9
Courtney Marshall, 1917 Beechwood Ave. .9
Jimmy Skinner, 509 Lynnbrook Rd. .9

From Julia Green:
Robin Beard, 4528 Lynwood Blvd. .9
Sam Boyer, Abbott-Martin Rd. 9
Frank Cole, 4206 Kirtland Ave. 9
Jno. Campbell, 2811 Kenway Rd. 9
Jeff Edwards, Golf Club Lane .9
Gene Shelton, 6216 Jocelyn Hollow Rd. .9
Bob Smith, 3016 23rd Ave. So. .9
Dickie Toon, Echo Hill Rd. .9
From Donelson Grammar School:
Jimmy Barton, Lebanon Rd., Donelson .9

From Ransom:
Stephen Garrett, 304 Elmington Ave. .7
Ben West, 3321 West End Ave. 7
From Stokes:
Lynn Greer, 1007 Woodmont Blvd. .7
Steve Scoggin, 1712 Green Hills Dr. .9

From Dalewood:
Dickie Husband, 1424 McGavock Pike .7

From Peabody Demonstration:
Jere McGarr, 3903 Trimble Rd. 7

From Robertson Academy:
Tommy Sloan, Rt. 1, Brentwood 7

From Overbrook:
Wylie McDougall, Hillwood Dr. 9
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REPORT FROM MEMPHIS TRIP

Lineberger elected president Western Tennessee Hi-Y group. Ruth gets taken for a ride. J. Sloan and Whaley were the onlookers. Kinnard gets in at 4:30 A.M. with Pat. Martha's father has to take Meadors home. Trimble, Richardson, Paget, and Regen have to stay at Y.M.C.A. Richardson surprised to see Martha. Paget gets fed up with dance and takes off to a movie. On the bus Wood tells story about a dog walking along a railroad track. . . . Whaley amazes everyone with his slamming ability in ping-pong. Ruth thrills local girls by taking a smoke.

Will Someone Please Tell Me:

By the ones who don't know

1. How B. Brown secured those new fangled wheel spokes we have been seeing in the latest magazines. It sure does add something to his vehicle.
2. Who J. McIntosh is dating. He really is keeping it under his cap.
3. What really happened to R. Ruth in Memphis. From what I hear he was a little embarrassed. Wonder why?
4. How J. Provine plays the piano.
5. Why B. Paget is afraid to shoot a crisp shot in gym.
6. Where J. Thomerson goes on the days he is absent.

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